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U.S. Food and Drug Administration
Dockets Management Branch
5630 Fishers Lane, Rm 1061
Rockville, MD 20852

Re: Docket # 98P-0151/CP1

To Whom it May Concern:

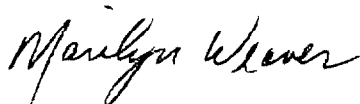
I am urging the agency to grant the above named petition to prohibit the slaughter of downed animals.

The marketing and slaughter of downed animals is extremely dangerous in light of the incidence of MAD COW DISEASE. A sick animal should not be used for food for the obvious reasons. If you won't allow this sick animal to be used for food in the school lunch program, you should be protecting the general population as well.

There can be no cause for fear of reduced profit to the rancher, as the downed animals are a small percentage of the amount of animals slaughtered, some 40 billion a year I believe.

I suspect that better care of these animals will reduce the number of downed animals. In the meantime, please alleviate this situation. We have enough diseases already attributed to the handling of the animal food industry.

Sincerely,



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